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USDA Celebrates National School Lunch Week and World Food Week Around the Nation

Secretary Yeutter Gives Nutrition Lessons to Children

by Wini Scheffler

A teaching team, headed by Secretary Clayton Yeutter, gave Van Ness Elementary School students an out-of-the-ordinary lesson in food and nutrition on Thursday.

The event, which was a celebration of National School Lunch Week and World Food Week, recruited USDA's top echelon—including Assistant Secretary Catherine Bertini and Administrator Betty Jo Nelsen—as classroom instructors and lunchline servers. Just for a day.

Each "substitute" teacher used an identical lesson plan presenting facts about nutrition and agriculture. The plan was prepared by this year's World Food prize laureate, John Niederhaus, honored for his work with potato production in Latin America.

The hands-on session gave each child a real potato to examine and take home and potato plants and seed potatoes for their classrooms. The children, who seemed to relish the novelty, made their own awards to the Secretary: a potato-shaped name tag, a Van Ness hat, and a plaque.

The occasion ended, as all ceremonies ought, with good food: school lunches served by Secretary Yeutter's ver-

satile crew. After serving the children, they filled their own trays with barbecued chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, milk, and fresh fruit or a pear cobbler.

It was great teaching children who showed such a lively interest in the lesson," said Catherine later. "And serving and sharing school lunch makes you feel good about the caring and dedicated people who do this daily."

Also participating in the special event with Secretary Yeutter were Deputy Secretary Jack Parnell, Under Secretary Richard Crowder, Inspector General Leon Snead, and Assistant Secretaries Charles Hess, Jo Ann Smith and Adis Villa, as well as ASFSA Executive Director Pat Beyer, D.C. School Food Service Director Jullus Jacobs, Principal Cassandra Butler, and the school's students and teaching and food-serving staff.

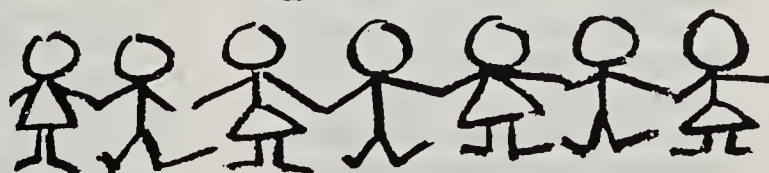
As a memento of National School Lunch Week 1990, Catherine and Betty Jo provided students with cups designed for the occasion. Under the "Partners in Education" program, USDA sponsors a variety of activities with Van Ness Elementary School throughout the year.

1990 World Food Week



★ Giving So Others May Live ★

Van Ness School Lunch Bunch



Other NSLW and World Food Week Activities...

HQs staff also visited other schools in the area including: Benjamin Stoddert Middle School in Waldorf, MD, Goding Elementary in Washington, D.C., and Rolling Terrace Elementary in Takoma Park, MD

HQ's also collected nonperishable food items for the food drive held during World Food Week. This food was given to the National Capitol Area Food Bank.

-SERO--SNP Director **Charles Kirby** attended a school lunch with Georgia School Food Service staff.

All the employees in SNP were granted permission to take extended lunches to dine with their respective kids at school. Several SERO staffers went to North Fulton High School to join those rowdy teens in, what I am sure was, a dining delight which stretched the boundaries of the word "gourmet."

-MARO--Delaware Governor **Michael N. Castle** and Regional Administrator **Chris Martin** joined students for lunch on October 15 at the Arnold Elementary School, located on Dover Air Force Base. After lunch, Chris presented the Governor and Delaware School Food Service Director **Dr. Sandra Brunson** with the National School Lunch Week proclamation signed by the President.

Chris Martin joined with Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor **Mark S. Singel**, State Agriculture Secretary **Boyd E. Wolff**, and **James H. Stephenson**, advisor to the Governor on food and nutrition programs in the observance of World Food Day, Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The ceremony included a presentation of awards to primary, elementary and secondary school children who were selected as winners of a state-wide World Food Day poster contest.

-MWRO Regional Administrator **Monroe Woods**, Regional Child Nutrition Director **Theresa Bowman** and Public Affairs Director **Lawrence Rudmann** attended a special Chicago Board of Education

Zambranos Honored During World Food Week

by **Bob Labbe**

USDA was quite busy this week celebrating World Food Week and National School Lunch Week; And, FNS was really celebrating when fellow co-workers **Marsha** and **Rafael Zambrano** were among the first recipients of the Department's Giving So Others May Live Awards! **Marsha** and **Rafael**, who work in the Mountain Plains Region in Denver, were selected for the award in recognition of their contributions to charitable organizations in the Denver area over the past 14 years.



George Braley, Marsha and Rafael Zambrano

Most significant among **Rafael** and **Marsha's** accomplishments is their service on the board of directors and operations committee for SHARE Colorado, a nonprofit organization that offers needy households an opportunity to purchase food packages at bargain prices. **Rafael** was instrumental in establishing SHARE in Colorado, and both continue to assist in the monthly distribution of the food packages.

The impact that **Rafael** and **Marsha** have on providing assistance to people in need reaches beyond the Denver area. In September, they participated in the Colorado's Children's Candlelight Vigil, a show of support for the United Nations World Summit for Children. They participate in annual toy and clothing drives to help needy families in Mexico and on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Giving is also a family activity for the **Zambranos**. Like many of their coworkers in Denver, **Marsha** and **Rafael** and their children devote weekend workdays to help build boardwalks to open wilderness areas to the handicapped.

A reception at POC was held honoring **Rafael** and **Marsha**. Many employees stopped by to congratulate them on such an outstanding achievement.

National School Lunch celebration at Northside Learning Center in Chicago on Wednesday, October 17. **Woods** presented the school with a framed copy of the President **Bush's** National School Lunch Week proclamation.

The Chicago School Lunch Council recently held a slogan contest to involve students in the school nutrition program and then picked the winner's school to host the Chicago National School Lunch Celebration. (continued on page 9)



ON THE HILL...

Conference on the Farm Bill has been completed, but not voted on. Among the major provisions are:

Food Stamp Program:

- 1) QC write-off for FYs 83-85.
- 2) EBT as an operational alternative in April 1992 and all lanes to be equipped for stores that do 15% or more food stamp volume.
- 3) E&T non-incentive funding to be distributed based on work registrants phased in by FY93; States keep only 25% of IPV's and 10% of household error claims.
- 4) SSI cashout is extended.
- 5) A welfare reform Commission which includes a review of all welfare programs is established.
- 6) The simple fix on Retrospective Budgeting without monthly reporting is made.
- 7) Essentially all of the Administration's integrity package except for the biennial reauthorization fee and the marginal stores provisions is in the final bill.
- 8) The Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Program is reauthorized at current services level.

Special Nutrition Provisions include:

- 1) CSFP, TEFAP and other commodity programs are reauthorized.
- 2) Food Bank demonstrations are made permanent and called Community Food Banks.
- 3) Soup Kitchens are authorized at \$40 million for FY 92.
- 4) National Commodity Processing is reauthorized as is Nutrition Education and Training (NET); NET is authorized at \$8 million.
- 5) State Option Contracts are authorized.
- 6) The National School Lunch Program study is authorized, subject to appropriations.
- 7) Commercial warehousing waiver is adopted.
- 8) Commodity Acceptability Report is made annual.

Carol Naughton Heads for Greater Challenges

by Victor Riche

By the time you read this article, **Carol Naughton** will be working at her new position as Director of Management Information Systems at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. After five and a half years as the agency's IRM Division Director, **Carol** decided it was time to move up and on to other challenges.

Carol was hired by **Joe Leo** and came to work for FNS in May 1985. Together, **Joe** and **Carol** provided the leadership that transformed automation in FNS. Remember the IRM landscape in 1985? No Software Renewal Program, no CHAMP, no cc:Mail, no GAD/LOC.

The accomplishments during **Carol's** tenure attest to both the agency's commitment to automation and her commitment to getting the job done. With its automated tools, the agency is well prepared to make it to the 21st Century. Some of the major accomplishments include:

***SOFTWARE RENEWAL PROGRAM:** It became a reality for the Food Stamp Program, and it is scheduled for Special Nutrition during the next two years.

***TEXT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT:** This system will permit easy and rapid access to agency regulations and policy. It is currently nearing completion and will be here in FY 1991.

***FOOD STAMP REDEMPTION MODIFIED:** After much negotiation with the Federal Reserve, and effort on the part of many FNS organizations, the food stamp redemption process was modified for the better in 1990--in IRMD's Minneapolis location they now receive data rather than paper documents.

***FNS COMPUTER SECURITY MANUAL:** It was developed, published and all agency employees were trained in computer security awareness.

***AUTOMATED FORMS MANAGEMENT:** This system is

currently operational in IRMD, and will soon be implemented in other FNS offices.

***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** IRMD provided guidance for answers to 2,500 requests without problems.

***OFFICE MODERNIZATION:** Over 1,000 new computer workstations were installed throughout FNS, increasing productivity, efficiency and data accuracy.

***NETWORKS:** 50 Local Area Networks were established and with them the ability to exchange data throughout the entire FNS organization.

***MINICOMPUTERS:** Nine minicomputers were installed and interconnected via a Wide Area Network with Departmental Computer Centers.

***THE CHAMP TIMES:** Created at **Carol's** encouragement, it kept us abreast of the massive hardware and software installations in progress, and still keeps us informed of the changing technology of our work-place.

***TRAINING:** Hundreds of FNS employees in headquarters and the regions were trained in the software packages supported by the new microcomputer environment, and the training continues.

Carol set a high standard of performance for her self, and it showed. The customer, which was each FNS employee, was her top priority. She was willing to listen to everyone, and took a keen interest in helping people with their career goals--remember, she was the spark behind the Continuing Education Day held in 1989.

Carol's pleasant manner, warm hello, practicality, support for her staff and interest in helping others will be surely welcomed by her new colleagues. Her brisk walk and bright "Good Morning!" will continue to echo throughout FNS for sometime to come.

Hispanic Month Celebrated Nationwide...

Novella and Vila Speak to HQs Employees

by Phil Shanholtzer

Hispanic Heritage Month brought two well-known Hispanic women to FNS to share their views on their jobs, on women and minorities. **Antonla Novella**, the U.S. Surgeon General, spoke October 3; and **Adis Vila**, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration, spoke September 24.

Novella, who was appointed in March, acknowledged that "it took guts" for the **Bush** administration to choose a Hispanic woman surgeon general, but added that she is "the surgeon general for all Americans...a surgeon general who happens to be Hispanic."

She noted the importance of her position, saying, "The surgeon general is present for all health policy decisions." But she put her emphasis on sensitivity to the needs of people. "There is a need to touch, to feel people's needs," **Novella** said. "The surgeon general takes people's feelings to the policy makers."

The needs of the nation's children are a key concern for **Novella**. "I am worried about the children," she said, citing drugs, tobacco, alcohol, education, television and neglect as serious problem areas. But she said it is often hard to convince children that problems can have a serious and long-lasting effect on them.

For example, she said, more adolescent females are smoking today, and it is important to find a way to convince them that tobacco can be a health hazard. "Use the tangible," **Novella** suggested. "Don't say you'll die, say you'll wrinkle."

Adis Vila, who was sworn in as assistant secretary last November, focused on change, which she said is life's third certainty after the proverbial death and taxes. Quickly reviewing pioneering Hispanic contributions to United States history and society, **Vila** went on to show how Hispanics are now underrepresented in many areas -- including employment at the Department of Agriculture.

Of USDA's 100,000 employees, **Vila** said, 4,248 are Hispanic, or about 4.26 percent. Of the 457 senior executive spots in the Department, three are held by Hispanics, "and two of those work for me," she said. Of 11,590 higher-level GS and GM positions, 204 are held by Hispanics.

"The private sector is ahead of the public sector," **Vila** said, but she added that Secretary **Clayton Yeutter's** workforce diversity policy recognizes the need to create "a level playing field" for everyone who applies for a USDA job. That includes training for minorities so that they can advance in their jobs, she said, and the assurance by managers that all employees get an equal opportunity.

For Hispanics, "Education and excellence are the keys," **Vila** said. "There is no need to sacrifice our identity. The road to success has changed. Education and excellence are essential at all levels. Education and excellence are the keys to overcome resistance."



Antonla Novella

NATIONAL HISPANIC



Adis Vila

Exhibit, Pot Luck Lunch Highlight Hispanic Month

Hispanic Month was recognized throughout the country. At HQs, in addition to the two speakers, an exhibit was displayed, an international pot luck luncheon was held, a slide show on the Central American countries of Guatemala and Honduras was conducted, and films "Stand and Deliver" and "The Milagro Beanfield War" were shown. The Regional Offices celebrated Hispanic Month as well with all kinds of activities. Many of the regions had displays set up, held food tasting socials, and some even showed the video tape of the speeches made by the Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Administration. Some highlights around the region included:

--At MARO, **Angel Matos** of the Caribbean Area Office, gave a presentation of Puerto Rico's history, culture, makeup, nationalities and present status options for the country.

--At SWRO, videos were shown including "Hispanic Journal," which depicts Hispanic achievements and contributions to this country; "Valuing Diversity; Management Differences and Diversity at Work," which discusses how assumptions, real differences and organizational culture affect performance; and "Our Heritage," a narration by **Orson Wells**, which reviews the role of Hispanics in the nation's history as well as its future.

--At MWRO, State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services Deputy Director **Rose Mary Bombela** discussed the influence and accomplishments of Hispanic women throughout history. By using the examples of music and such movies as *West Side Story* and *Gilda* (which starred **Rita Hayworth**, a Hispanic, singing the provocative song "Put the Blame on Mame"), **Bombela** discussed how the perpetual myth that all Hispanic women were exotic and provocative originated and how it was a distorted image. **Bombela** also stated that another way Hispanic women received that image was when the pioneer women settled in the Southwest. Pioneer women wore layers of clothing (usually four or so petticoats) and the Hispanic women dressed in light garments. Due to their lack of layers of clothing in the hot Southwest sun, the Hispanic women were seen as seductresses.



The Feast!



Marlachs!



Stan Garnett

EMPLOYEE PROFILE...

Debra Whitford



by Wini Scheffler

Some of life's biggest moments for **Debra Whitford**, a supervisory food program specialist with WIC, have occurred during her 16 years as a Food and Nutrition Service employee.

While working as an FNS cooperative education student, **Debbie** was graduated from Coolidge High School. Continuing on the job, part-time, she earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from D.C. Teachers College. And she barely had time to accept USDA's Distinguished Service Award for job performance before the latest personal milestone: the birth of son **Alexander Duane** on June 29.

The service award was a well-kept secret, **Debbie** says. Reporting to the administrator's office "prepared to discuss WIC funding options," she was pleasantly surprised to be told, instead, of her selection.

High performance also accounts for **Debbie's** steady advance at FNS. Initially employed as a clerk-typist in the Food Stamp Program, **Debbie** later transferred to WIC where she is a section chief in the program analysis and monitoring branch of the supplemental food programs division.

"The opportunity to do interesting work" was the lure that kept her at FNS even after a taste of practice teaching.

"I was attracted to teaching because of an earlier experience as a teacher's aide at a Montessori school," she says. "I knew I liked working with children."

Gradually, she discovered that she liked accounting, too, and FNS

gained a career employee with a good sense of humor, an interest in the outdoors, and a methodical approach to work.

"As it turns out, I have the best of both worlds," she says. "I deal with the dollars that drive a program of great benefit to children and infants."

Debbie applies skills acquired in accounting and computer courses at the University of the District of Columbia in working out formulas for dividing WIC funds among the States.

"There's a lot of visibility involved," she says. "We work cooperatively with the states in coming up with a formula that's fair to all of them. Negotiating with 87 different State programs can be very delicate."

"I remember times when we worked from 8 in the morning to 8 at night to find an acceptable formula. We'd devise a formula, I'd run it out on a portable computer in my room, then I'd take it back to the table where we'd fine-tune it and repeat the whole process."

Debbie's award cites both her contributions to WIC funding policy and to good relations with the States.

In fact, she says, the most satisfying aspect of her job is working with different regional offices and meeting the people who actually operate and administer programs in the States.

"It would be hard to find a group that is more enthusiastic or professional. Everyone with WIC truly believes in WIC," she says.

Poised, well-organized, and graced with an engaging smile, **Debbie** demonstrates that FNS can be a sunny climate for career growth. Her recipe for success is short and simple, but it sums up years of experience:

"Establish goals and set milestones for achievements; Be willing to accept new assignments; Approach each task with a positive attitude; And greet each task as a learning experience."

Speaking personally...

As we get nearer to the holidays and the traditional season of giving, I am reminded of our troops and support personnel in Saudi Arabia, and how lonely and remote it must be for them to be away from family, friends and cherished activities of the holiday season.

An article appeared in the FRIDAY LETTER a few issues back that contained a suggested letter writing campaign. I'd like to make that a group activity by inviting you to join me during your lunch hour to write a letter to someone overseas. If you would like to participate, please bring your lunch to the 4th floor conference room on Friday, November 2 to drop a note to a soldier. We will provide the paper, envelopes and some gay stickers to make our service personnel smile. But it is your heartfelt messages of interest and concern that will help them to know that we care for them and are thankful for their unselfish service on behalf of world peace.

Hope to see you on November 2nd!

AROUND THE COUNTRY...



Gina Matury and the "King"

"Elvis" Kick's Off MWRO's CFC Campaign

by Diana Pihos

Inquiring MWRO minds recently witnessed National Enquirer headlines come to life with the surprise appearance of Elvis at their recent Combined Federal Campaign kick-off. Festooned in his traditional Las Vegas performance attire, The King (aka Public Affairs Director Lawrence Rudmann) "entertained" the troops with golden hits such as "Legal Tender, Cash Will Do" (to tune of Love Me Tender); "When You GET TO...Give" (In the Ghetto); and "I Can't Help Giving to the CFC." Elvis revealed to his audience that he has been living and working on the alien planet of Minnesota with his mama where he owns a small retail grocery store. When recently caught selling ineligible food stamp items he agreed to a rare performance in lieu of a civil money penalty. "Extreme times call for extreme measures," the King said.

Former Administrator Attends Meeting on Homeless

One of the many visitors to the Food and Nutrition Service display at the Region II Inter-agency Council on the Homeless Meeting was HUD Assistant Secretary **Anna Kondratas**. **Ms. Kondratas** (r) was pleased to find a former associate, NERO Administrator **Harry McLean** standing by to answer any questions attendees of the workshop might have. The conference, held in White Plains, New York, was attended by more than 700 homeless providers and advocates from New York and New Jersey and provided an opportunity to showcase USDA food assistance programs and how they benefit homeless persons. **McLean**, the senior FNS official at the workshop, took advantage of the opportunity to establish rapport with several representatives from homeless advocate and provider organizations.



MPRO Employees Collect Food for the Elderly

by Joanne Widner

Willie McWashington, Black Employment Program Manager for MPRO, spearheaded a September employee drive to collect nonperishable food such as canned goods, rice, cereal and coffee for the Zion Senior Center's "food bag program." Zion has several programs designed to provide food assistance to the needy, including meals on wheels, and distributes emergency supplies of food to those elderly participants who run out of food and resources toward the end of the month.

McWashington delivered the collected food to Zion September 26, with the help of EEO/Civil Rights Director **Evelyn Stafford**, **Sandra Marshall**, **Maurice Wade** and **Sharon Bates** from the Regional Office. The MPRO visitors met with Zion Senior Center Director **Rachael Walters**, Assistant Director **Lilah Freelon**, and **Cora Williams**, who is coordinator of the Volunteers of America's senior meals program. **Walters**, who has been with the center since its inception in 1980, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the generous FNS contribution, indicating that Zion's emergency food bank supplies had been getting critically low.

Assistant Secretary **Catherine Bertini** visited Zion Senior Center during her March visit to Denver.

PROGRAM NEWS...

Food Stamps

--**Ellen Buchanan** travelled to Dayton, Ohio on October 17 and 18 to attend two Off-line Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) retailer working committee meetings. These working committees, which include representatives of the Dayton retailer community, were established by the contractor, National Processing Company, to assist in the development of the EBT project and to address issues pertaining to food retailers. One committee has been established to look at issues and concerns which may arise from the operational design of the EBT system, such as point-of-sale equipment configuration. The second committee is looking at any EBT policy issues of concern to retailers, such as how transactions may be handled if and when equipment malfunctions. These committees will be meeting periodically to follow through on issues which are raised. It is expected that they will greatly facilitate the design and implementation of the project.

--**Cynthia Dubois**, a Senior Food Stamp Specialist in the Legislation and Court Suit Section, Program Development Division, Food Stamp Program was recently awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Office of General Counsel (OGC). OGC recognized **Cindy** for her activities related to support for the Agency's position in Food

Stamp Program litigation. This is not the first time that **Cindy's** activities in this area have been recognized, but the fact that this award comes from an agency outside of FNS adds to its significance. Congratulations to **Cindy** for a job well done.

--**Jordan Benderly**, Director of the Food Stamp Program's Benefit Redemption Division, is completing his fourth week as Foreman of the District of Columbia's Superior Court Grand Jury. **Jordan's** 24 day "jury duty" commitment requires him to be out of the office Monday - Wednesday for an eight week period. He will be back full-time on November 15.

Other...

--The Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 would significantly affect FNS' outlay and debt collection transactions with states, according to the Assistant Commissioner of the Treasury Department's Financial Management Service, who addressed the state Human Services Finance Officer's meeting in Mobile, Alabama, recently. H.R. 4279, which passed the House on 9/24 and has passed the Senate in two previous sessions, is a prompt payment act for program funds. It requires the Federal Government to pay interest to states when outlays are delayed and for states to pay interest to the Federal Government
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A Tale We Could BEARly Wait to Tell You...

by Diana Plhos

Bear sightings in the Duluth, MN area are fairly common, but tend to rise in September and October as bears amble into town for pre-hibernation bedtime snacks. Unlike other suburbs, it's the wild animals, and not the people, that freely roam the streets. Luckily though, bears in the North Country are black bears, which are relatively tame and don't harm you unless you harm them. But, even though they are known to be friendly, it's still hard to see a five-hundred pound bear and not feel at least some anxiety. That's how **Roberta Van House**, Superior (WI) Field Office Food Program Specialist, felt when she recently spotted one.

Roberta and her husband **David** are building a new home several miles outside Duluth. The other day, they were on their land (which is relatively secluded) when they heard a rustling noise. They looked up and saw a bear standing about sixty feet away. The bear looked menacingly at **Roberta**. Her husband, noticing this, sprang into action. After a struggle, he single-handedly held the bear at bay while **Roberta** dashed for the house. The bear, realizing that he had met his match with **David**, lumbered away.

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when they draw funds in advance of need. At this past meeting, both the Treasury official and state officials suggested that this legislation would be a substantial incentive for states to pursue development of large scale electronic funds and benefit transfer systems for almost all of the DHHS and FNS assistance programs between now and when regulations would take effect, approximately two years after final passage.

--HNIS exhibited at the American Dietetics Association (ADA) Annual Meeting in Denver, October 15-19. ADA is the largest professional organization of nutritionists in the country. A major session was held on the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

--Betty Jo met with ASCS Administrator Keith Bjerke and AMS Administrator Dan Haley to discuss the status of the Processed Commodity Inventory management Systems tri-agency commodity system and develop a management strategy for the future.

NSLW (cont. from page 2)

Lunch celebration. Franco Harris, recent Football Hall of Fame inductee and former Pittsburgh Steeler's star running back presented a plaque and certificate to winning student, Stella Koldis, for her slogan, "Dairy, Meat, Veggies and Bread, Pick Them All to Get Ahead."

--NERO Regional Administrator Harold McLean and Catherine Bertini visited 5 New York State School Lunch programs. In Boston, NERO SNP staff sponsored a one day SNP fair in the lobby of the Thomas P. O'Neil Federal Building. This has become an annual event during NSLW. Over 2,000 members of the public visited the displays or took part in the commodity taste testing. The nutrition oriented displays were so successful, that the Administrator of the U.S. Federal Employees Health Agency asked NERO to participate in their upcoming interagency health fair.

--WRO Regional Administrator Sharon McKay visited Phoenix AZ, to participate in NSLW activities. She presented an FNS certificate of appreciation to the State's CNP staff for its effective management and outstanding commitment to the Child Nutrition Program.



One last look at the "King!"

FROM THE HEALTH UNIT...**Participate in the Park Center Games And Win Prize to Army-Navy Football Game**

Park Center Management will be saluting all of you Army and Navy fans who work here at Park Center by inviting you to participate in a fun and easy relay competition from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 7. By competing in this relay, you may win a chance to receive tickets and transportation to the Army-Navy football game at Philadelphia's Veteran's Stadium on Saturday, December 8.

We need teams of seven players. Each team will be instructed to run relays with hula hoops, jump ropes and inner tubes. No problem, RIGHT?!?! So, designate a team captain and sign up six of your co-workers (shame them if you have to), and give the Health Unit a ring. Park Center Management Office needs to know who will be signing up by October 30, so FNS people let Nurse Perkey know by the 29th!

Everyone who works at Park Center is invited to watch. Free food and soft drinks (stadium-style!) will be available to participants and spectators alike.

Come and join yet another fitness opportunity!

Reminders...

--October 26, 2:30 p.m., Flu Shots, \$3.25

--October 30, 9:30 a.m., Flu Shots, \$3.25

--November 7 & 8, 9:00-3:00, Blood Drive, 4th floor conference room

--Need 10 more people to sign up for the Weight Watchers Program!

Friday Letter Vacancy Listing by Vacancy Number

JOB TITLE	AREA OF CONSID.	SERIES	GRADE	CLOSING DATE	VACANCY NUMBER	OFFICE LOCATION
Supvry. Prog. Analyst	(A)	GM-0345	14	10/29/90	90-114	OAE
Accountant	(A-LCA)	GS-0510	7	10/22/90	90-120*	ACD
Systems Accountant	(A-LC)	GS-0510	9	10/22/90	90-120A*	ACD
Home Economist	(HNIS-W)	GM-0493	13	10/23/90	91-H-01	HNIS
Secretary Typing	(A-LCA)	GS-0318	5	11/05/90	91-01	CND
Food Program Specialist	(A-LCA)	GS-0120	7	11/05/90	91-02	CND
Supvry. Nutritionist	(A)	GM-0630	13/14	12/03/90	91-03**	NTSD
Senior Nutritionist						
(Public Health)	(A)	GM-0630	13	12/03/90	91-04	NTSD
Secretary Typing	(FNS-HQ)	GS-0318	4/6	11/13/90	91-05	BUD
Supvry. Prog. Analyst	(FNS-HQ)	GM-0345	14	11/05/90	91-06***	OAE
Food Program Officer	(A)	GM-0120	14	11/19/90	91-07	MWRC
Food Program Specialist	(FNS-HQ)	GS-0120	12	11/13/90	91-08	PDD

- . . Position will be filled as an Accountant or
- . . . Systems Accountant.
- . . Term Appointment or Promotion NTE 2 years
- * . Temporary Promotion NTE 120 days.

OFFICE LOCATION

- ACD -Accounting Division
- BUD -Budget Division
- CND -Child Nutrition Division
- HNIS -Human Nutrition
- . . . Information Service
- MWRO-Midwest Region
- NTSD -Nutrition and Technical
- . . . Services Division
- OAE -Office of Analysis
- . . . and Evaluation
- PDD -Program Development Division

AREA OF CONSIDERATION

- (A) . -All Sources
- (A-LCA) -All Sources - Local Commuting Area
- (FNS-HQ) -Food and Nutrition Service - Headquarters-wide
- (HNIS) -Human Nutrition Information Service-wide

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Upcoming Events...

October

- 23 . Toastmasters, 12-1,4th Floor
- 29-31 New York WIC Association Meeting - Buffalo
- 10/29-11/1 USDA/FWP Regional Training Conference
- . . . Denver, Colorado
- 30-31 \$6 Million Club, Savannah, Georgia
- 31 . Halloween
- . . Combined Federal Campaign Begins

November

- 6-8 . Senior Managers Quarterly Meeting
- . . Alexandria, Virginia
- 7-8 . Blood Drive